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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
DIRECTLY CONNECTING AN
ADVANCED FACER CANCELER
SYSTEM TO A DELIVERY BAR
CODE SORTER

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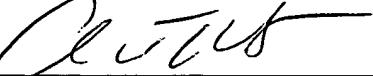
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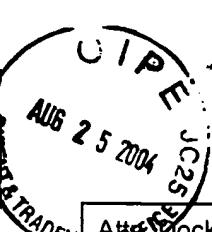
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